

Mr. Sasaki was born in 1938 in Tokyo, Japan. He has pursued his education in many different subjects and countries. He attended a seminary run by German Jesuits, studied mechanical engineering at a Japanese university, received a degree with honors in industrial design from the Royal College of Art in London, earned his Master of Science in Ekistics from Athens Technical Institute in Greece, completed postgraduate studies at the Institute of Traffic and Transpiration Engineering at UC Berkeley, and studied oceanography at the Scripps Institute at UC San Diego.

Mr. Sasaki has worked tirelessly on water issues in Sonoma County for over twenty years. He has devoted much of his time to developing water solutions and strategies, namely a balance between the water needs of farmers, fish, and urban residents. His work with the County was integral for the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Mr. Sasaki joined the Sonoma County Farm Bureau in 1985 after he and his wife bought their ranch and began to revive a neglected vineyard on the property. He has sat on the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for over fifteen years and was President of the Board from 2013 to 2014. He is also a member and past Chairman of Sonoma County Farm Bureau's Water Committee and a member of the Natural Resources Committee. In addition to his service at the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, Mr. Sasaki was a member of the Board of the Sonoma Ecology Center and is a member of the California Farm Bureau Federation Water Committee.

In addition to his contributions to Sonoma County Farm Bureau and our farming community, Mr. Sasaki is the President of Quantum Mechanics Corporation. Mr. Sasaki is known for his astute analytical skills, which he has employed in his work to help farmers and landowners.

Madam Speaker, Tito Sasaki is an integral member of our farming community and is deserving of his induction to the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

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SOCIAL SECURITY FOR
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HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following article, written by Max Richtman, the president and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, for my colleagues. As Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, I urge my colleagues to fight to protect Social Security for all working Americans, especially millennials who will rely on Social Security significantly more than their parents' or grandparents' generation. Mr.

Richtman's article makes a persuasive case to rebut efforts to divide the generations by claiming that today's millennials bear the burden of supporting today's retirees. The Social Security 2100 Act will ensure that Social Security is there for generations to come for all, including millennials.

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SECURITY FOR MILLENNIALS
(By Max Richtman)**

If you're a millennial, you have may been led to believe that you have a better chance of seeing a UFO or Bigfoot than receiving a Social Security check. In a recent survey, some 80 percent of millennials are concerned that they won't be able to receive any Social Security benefits upon retirement.

With the steady drumbeat of dystopian disinformation flowing from Social Security's opponents and many in the media, who could blame them? No wonder the young adults I talk to at town hall meetings across the country tell me the same thing: "Social Security will not be there for me when I need it." Let me assure the U.S.'s young people that Social Security will be there for you in the future, if you fight for it now.

Don't listen to so-called "entitlement reformers" who try to divide the generations by telling you it's unfair that millennials "support" today's retirees through Social Security payroll contributions. This ignores the fact that the program has always been a compact between the generations—and has provided Americans with basic income in retirement for more than 80 years. Social Security is the bedrock of the U.S.'s working and middle classes. We can't allow conservative ideologues to erode it.

These "reformers" count on people forgetting that Social Security is much more than a retirement income program. It also provides disability, spousal and survivor's benefits to Americans of all ages. The average worker with a spouse and two children would have to purchase more than \$600,000 in life and disability insurance to replace the protections Social Security provides. In fact, some 1.2 million millennials already receive Social Security benefits.

Social Security is as much a millennials' program as anyone else's. Current trends indicate that millennials will rely on Social Security retirement benefits significantly more than their parents' or grandparents' generations. Increasing income inequality, wage stagnation, student loan debt, declining home ownership, the gig economy and the scarcity of employer-provided pensions have put young peoples' retirement security at risk.

The National Institute on Retirement Security reports that two-thirds of millennials haven't saved any money for retirement. At the same time, future seniors face rapidly escalating living costs. Basic expenses—from housing to health care to groceries—will become even pricier in decades to come. What's more, millennials will live longer on average than today's retirees, meaning they'll have to spread out their financial resources over a greater number of years.

That's why Social Security will be even more crucial in keeping today's young people out of poverty in old age. According to a recent Urban Institute study, the average millennial will receive \$1,000,000 in Social Security retirement benefits. That's about

twice the average amount that today's retirees collect. But this will happen only if we are able to prevent "reformers" from cutting benefits, including raising the retirement age and adopting a more miserly formula for calculating yearly cost-of-living adjustments. Don't let them fool you into believing that slashing benefits is the only way to keep the system solvent for the future—or that we should gamble with the Social Security trust fund by investing it on Wall Street.

In fact, there is another path forward, championed by Rep. John Larson (D-Connecticut) and Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont), among others in Congress. Both have introduced legislation that would put Social Security on a solid financial footing for the future, while Rep. Larson's bill provides a modest, but much-needed boost in benefits. Each bill would adjust the Social Security payroll wage cap (currently set at \$132,900) so that the wealthy would begin paying their fair share into the program.

Representative Larson's bill also includes a 1.2 percent increase in employee payroll contributions spread out over 24 years. The average worker would contribute an extra 50 cents per week toward future Social Security benefits—the equivalent of one Starbucks coffee drink every two months. As Larson points out, that's a pretty good deal in exchange for the peace of mind of knowing Social Security will remain fully solvent through the end of the century, with more generous benefits and cost-of-living adjustments. If you're an average income earner, you will surely need both to pay your bills in old age.

Millennials, here's a chance to harness the power of your generation to exert influence on the future course of Social Security. Instead of accepting the false narrative that Social Security is doomed, join your parents and grandparents in protecting Social Security as if your future financial well-being depends on it—because it does.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOBBY" WILLIAMS**

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Robert Williams, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Robert far too soon.

Williams, known as Bobby, worked for the Department of Public Utilities for the City of Virginia Beach for over 40 years. Bobby was a true public servant and was dedicated to his work and mission. Many remember learning from him and praised his knowledge of the institution and the system. Bobby's life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Bobby will be missed by all his loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from his presence; he made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor his life.